

CITY OF SAN DIEGO AIRPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

**Meeting of June 12, 2007
Montgomery Field Airport**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Buzz Fink (Special Expertise), Rick Beach (Special Expertise), Buzz Gibbs (Kearny Mesa Planning Group), Kevin O'Donnell (Special Expertise), Kathy Monsour (Clairemont Mesa Community Planning Committee), Chuck McGill (Montgomery Field User Group), J. H. Aldrich (Montgomery Field Aviation Tenant), Jackie Ander (Serra Mesa Community Planning Group), Tom Dray (Montgomery Tower), Scott Hasson (Tierrasanta Community Council), Tom Ricotta (Otay Mesa Planning Group), Allen Kruse (Brown Field User Group).

MEMBERS ABSENT: Juan Escalante (Brown Field Aviation Tenant).

STAFF PRESENT: Mike Tussey, Terry Price, Phil Miller, Clayton Welch, Christian Anderson, Kristin Camper-Wozniac, Jim Barwick.

GUESTS: Eddie Meyer, Jim Moore, Al Boyce, Bob Golo, Rich Martindell, Billie Brown Sialiano, Richard Sax, Bettie Sax, Gary Mullen, Ron Cozad, Donnya Dabney, Grant Murray.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:04 by Chairman Fink, who announced that a quorum was present.

2. PUBLIC INPUT

None

3. DEPUTY DIRECTORS REPORT

Montgomery Field

Deputy Director Tussey reported that construction on the blast pad for Runway 28L has been completed. The second part of that project, the repair of Taxiway F, will begin in about two weeks and is expected to take three days at a cost of \$62,000.

The vernal pool restoration and the environmental studies for the northwest heliport are still in progress and need to have observations made following a period of rainfall.

San Diego Police Department and another firm have installed security cameras on the airport to monitor aircraft activity. No airport enterprise funds are used for this project. It is unclear who will have access to the data.

Ernie Gesell has been named Airport Manager at Montgomery Field.

Brown Field

Mobilization for the electrical upgrade started yesterday.

The change order for the fence project goes to City Council next week. Consideration is being given to a fence on the south side of the airport for the purpose of controlling vehicle access to the ramp.

Chuck McGill expressed his appreciation for the installation of a windsock on a hangar, near Taxiway H, on the Gibbs leasehold.

A report on the Crownair rent appraisal was postponed until the next meeting.

Brown Field RFP

Real Estates Assets Director Jim Barwick described the process that was used leading up to a report to the Land Use and Housing Committee (LU&H) tomorrow regarding the Brown Field RFP. There were five qualifying respondents to the RFQ. A selection committee narrowed the list to two candidates who will respond to an RFP. A report will be submitted to LU&H, followed by the issuance of the RFP and the selection of a preferred proposal. Both Buzz Gibbs and Kevin O'Donnell abstained from discussions on the Brown Field RFP, due a possible conflict of interest.

There were a number of questions to Mr. Barwick on the topic. Issues that were brought up included:

- the absence of a current airport master plan,
- the requirement for confidentiality precluded public input to the process,
- a desire for greater AAC participation in the RFP process, and
- a thorough review of developer history with similar projects.

Mr. Barwick stated that a master plan study could take up to five years to complete and the area being considered is already designated for aeronautical purposes. He assured the group that there would be an opportunity for public and AAC input once the proposals were received.

4. OLD BUSINESS

A **motion** made by Rick Beach at the June 5 meeting was considered. The **motion** was: "To write the Mayor opposing any burden on aviation users by placing restrictions on operating procedures to overcome the admitted failures by the developer and City to protect airspace around Montgomery Field."

In light of the mayor's June 11 memo to City council, Chuck McGill offered an amended **motion**: "To write the Mayor stating opposition to imposing any burden on airport users by placing restrictions on operating procedures to accommodate incursions into airspace around Montgomery Field or Brown Field Airports."

Rick Beach **moved** adoption of McGill's amendment. The motion was seconded.

Vote: 8 in favor, 1 opposed, 1 abstained.

The motion passed.

Buzz Gibbs made the following **motion**: “A letter be written to the Mayor supporting his position as stated in his June 11, 2007 memo to City Council: reducing the total height of the Sunroad building to 160 feet and not changing flight procedures to accommodate the building.”

The motion was seconded and all voted in favor. The motion passed.

Rick Beach reported that a 576 MSL water tower that no longer exists is shown on some charts north of Montgomery Field.

Clay Welch of the City Attorneys Office said that a court ruling is expected by June 15 that will affect negotiations on the Square One development project.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jackie Ander announced that the Serra Mesa Library will be having a book sale on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

The next meeting will be July 10 at 3 p.m. at Montgomery Field Airport

ACTIONS:

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Respectfully submitted,

Terry Price